



**CITY OF LODI  
COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

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**AGENDA TITLE:** Wastewater Treatment Services Outside City

**MEETING DATE:** October 19, 2004 (Special Meeting)

**PREPARED BY:** Public Works Director

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Review, discuss, and provide direction on San Joaquin County's request for the City to provide wastewater treatment service for Flag City.

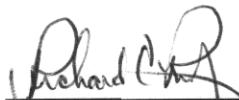
**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** San Joaquin County has sent the attached letter requesting that the City provide wastewater treatment service to the Flag City development located at I-5 and Highway 12, just north of the City's White Slough Wastewater Treatment Facility.

Although flows from this development have not been included in the City's wastewater treatment planning, the amount is relatively small and could, over time, be accommodated. Flow estimates for build-out of the existing Flag City service area are approximately 0.24 million gallons per day (MGD). Lodi's facility is currently operating at 6.3 MGD and with the Phase 2 project underway and the additional improvements scheduled in the next few years, will have a total capacity of 8.5 MGD. (The City's current permit is for 7 MGD and an increase to 8.5 MGD is being requested as part of our new permit.)

Technical and cost issues aside, the major issue the Council should consider is our role in providing wastewater services to areas outside the City. City policy has been consistent against providing this service from the 1970's when the current sewer ordinance was adopted which prohibits connections outside the City. Thus, changing this policy will require amending the City Code. Note that water service outside the City is permitted, but with a 50% rate surcharge. The City is not required to provide either service outside its limits. Even with Federal funding for the wastewater facility in the 1970's, such requirements were tied to capacity specifically being provided for such areas, which was not the case here.

From a business standpoint, adding such service, at a premium charge, can benefit City ratepayers and would help fund additional improvements that are needed in Phase 3 of our current improvement program. In addition, the Regional Board would be supportive but would still require analysis to show our facility could continue to meet discharge requirements. On the other hand, such service can promote development outside urban boundaries and can be detrimental to agriculture. Certainly other service requests, either for expansion of this service area or other new areas, will follow if the City changes the policy. For example, we are reviewing a request from a winery located near the wastewater trunk line for service via a permanent connection. (The City accepts trucked-in waste from the unincorporated area, both septic and winery waste, at a premium rate.)

**FUNDING:** Not applicable.

  
Richard C. Prima, Jr.  
Public Works Director

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Attachment

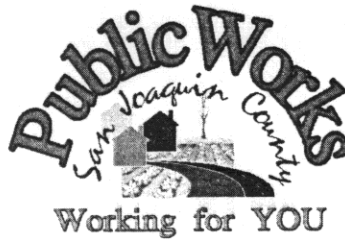
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Mr. Richard Prima  
Director of Public Works  
City of Lodi  
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SUBJECT: COUNTY SERVICE AREA NO. 31 SEWER PARTNERSHIP PROPOSAL

Dear Mr. Prima:

We wish to thank you for the opportunity to meet with your City Council in a shirt sleeve session to discuss a possible partnership related to County Service Area No. 31 (Flag City) sewer service. As you are aware, the County Service Area No. 31 wastewater treatment plant is facing many of the same regulatory challenges as those currently being addressed at the City's treatment plant. Our mutual needs to upgrade and expand our respective wastewater treatment plants, and the close proximity between them, creates the possibility of a mutually beneficial partnership.

Rather than each of our Agencies expending the considerable funds necessary to meet the new regulatory requirements, we wish to explore the possibility of pooling our resources toward a single common solution. Specifically, we would like to explore the City's willingness to consider providing sanitary sewer services to County Service Area No. 31 in exchange for funding participation (buy-in fee) in the City's proposed plant upgrades and payment of an ongoing out of area service charge.

We will present a brief power point presentation at the October 19, 2004, shirt sleeve session with the City Council and will be available to answer any questions the Council may have. We are most interested in receiving an indication of the Council's willingness to consider providing sewer service to County Service Area No. 31.

Sincerely,

**T. R. FLINN**  
Director of Public Works

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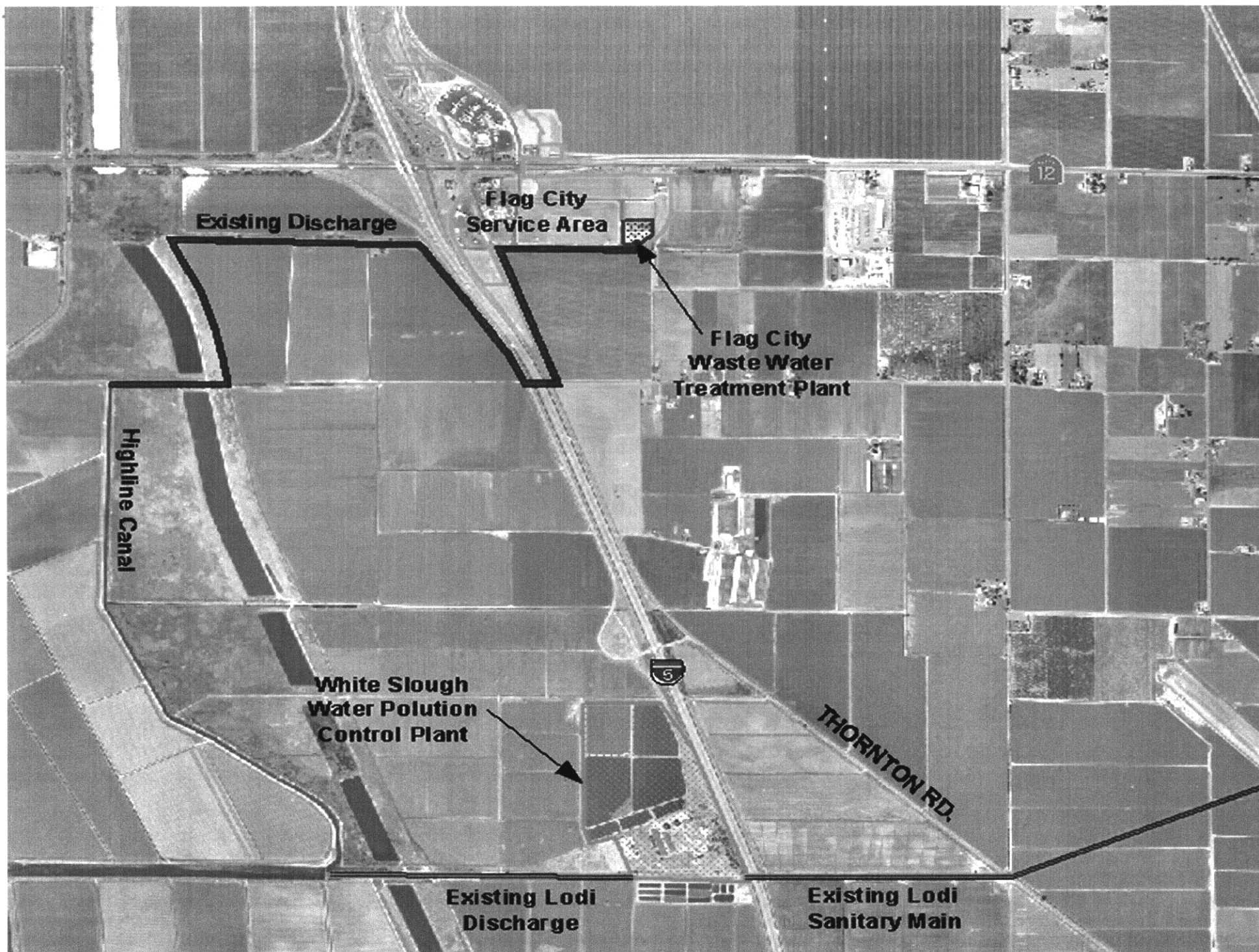
c: Ms. Janet Keeter, Interim Lodi City Manager  
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# **County Service Area 31 (Flag City)**

## **Request for Sewer Service**



**Existing Discharge**

**Flag City  
Service Area**

**Flag City  
Waste Water  
Treatment Plant**

**Highline Canal**

**White Slough  
Water Pollution  
Control Plant**

**Existing Lodi  
Discharge**

**Existing Lodi  
Sanitary Main**

**THORNTON RD.**

## **CSA 31 – Flag City**



- **Formed in 1981 (Saddle City)**
- **Zoned Highway Commercial**
- **Treatment plant completed in 1995**
- **11 current customers**
- **2 properties under construction**



# CSA 31 Sewer Plant

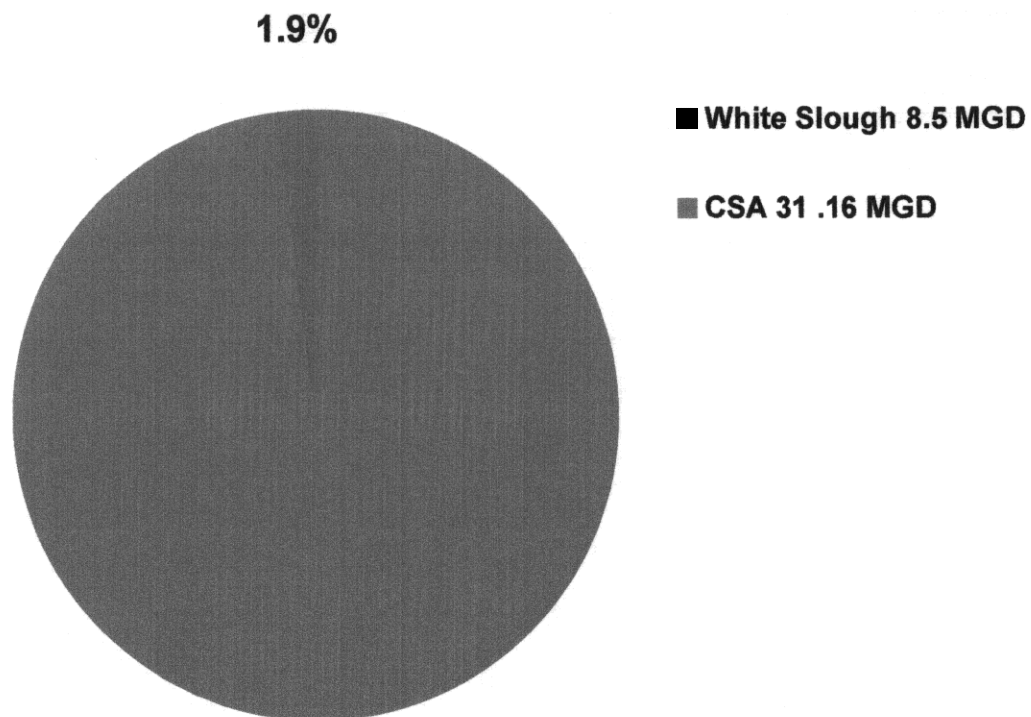


- **Sized to serve 80 Acres**
- **\$300k in short term upgrades needed**
- **Additional upgrades needed by 2008**
- **Other alternatives being explored**

# Partnership Proposal

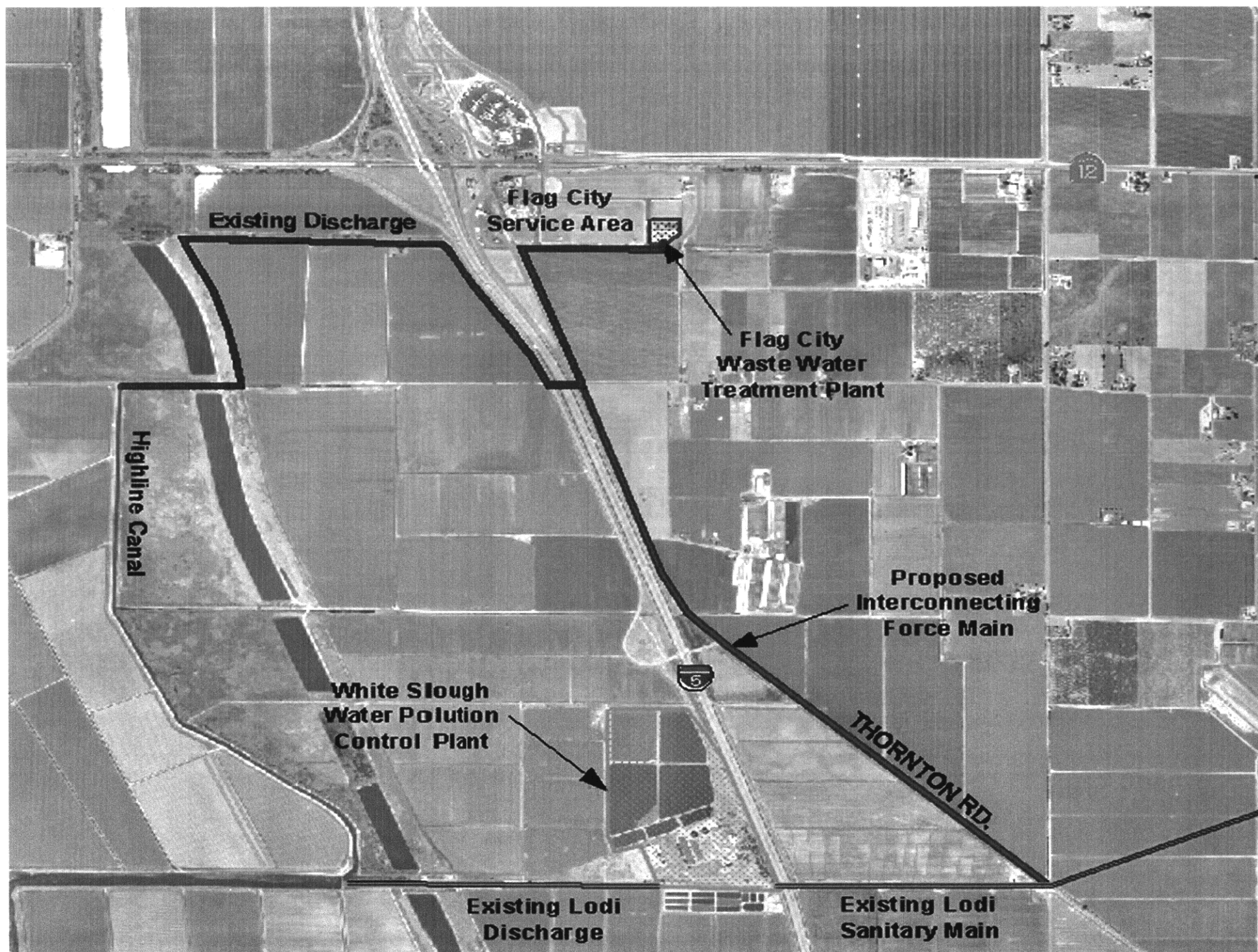


- **Buy-in Fee**
- **Service surcharge**
- **Regional approach to common problem**
- **Funding for White Slough upgrades**
- **Positive impact on city rate payers**
- **Desirable approach with the Water Board**



## Treatment Plant Capacity



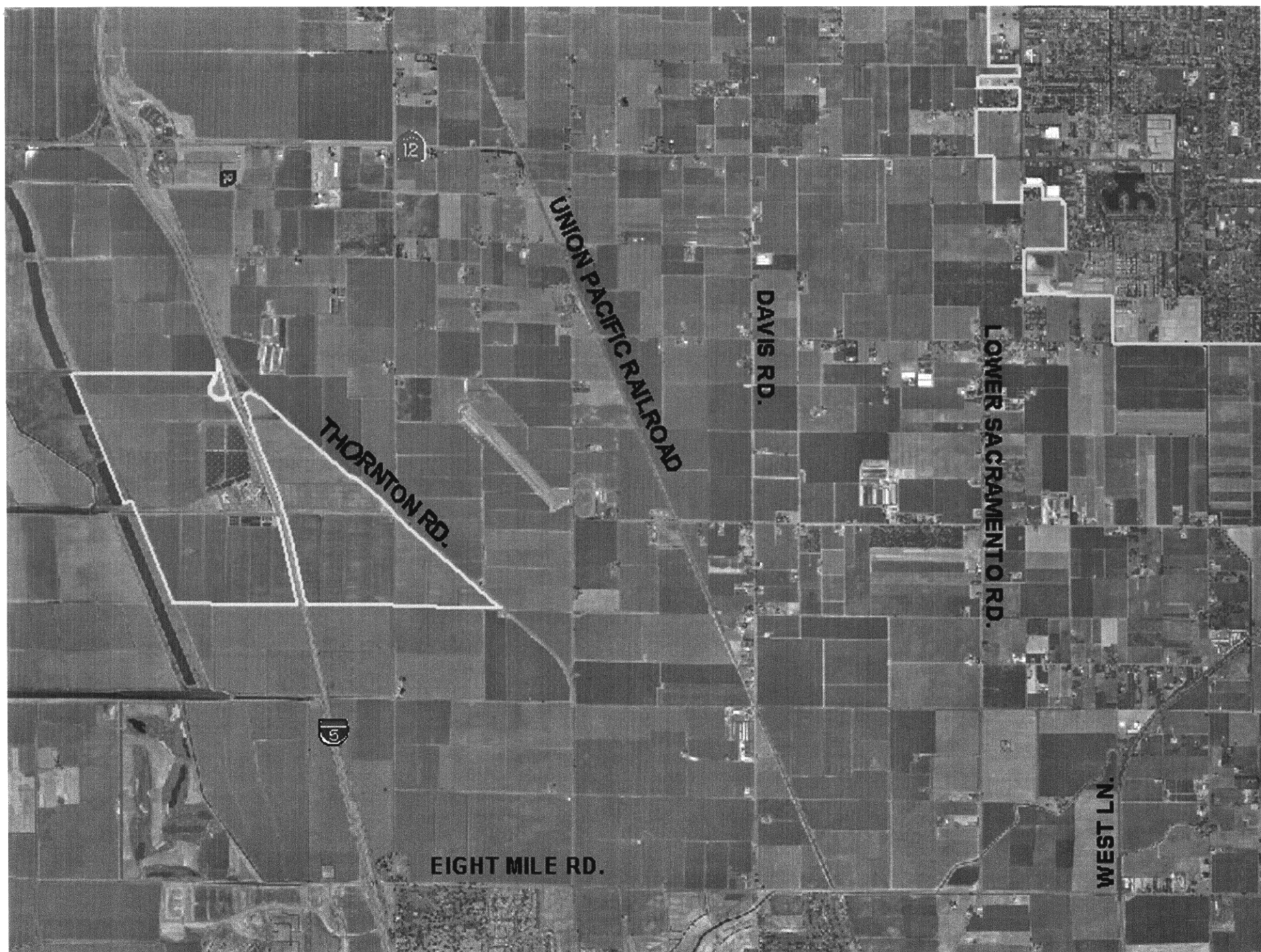


## **Considerations:**



- **Precedent concern**
  - **Unique opportunity**
  - **Not growth inducing**
- **Protection of Jobs**
- **Possible septic waste solution**
- **Lodi input on CSA 31 development proposals**





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UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD

DAVIS RD.

LOWER SACRAMENTO RD.

THORNTON RD.

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EIGHT MILE RD.

WEST LN.

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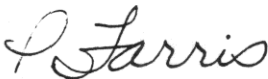
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Enclosed is a copy of background information on an item on the City Council Special Meeting agenda of Tuesday, October 19, 2004. The meeting will be held at 7 a.m. in the City Council Chamber, Carnegie Forum, 305 West Pine Street.

If you wish to write to the City Council, please address your letter to City Council, City of Lodi, P. O. Box 3006, Lodi, California, 95241-1910. Be sure to allow time for the mail. Or, you may hand-deliver the letter to City Hall, 221 West Pine Street.

If you wish to address the Council at the Special Meeting, be sure to fill out a speaker's card (available at the Carnegie Forum immediately prior to the start of the meeting) and give it to the City Clerk. If you have any questions about communicating with the Council, please contact Susan Blackston, City Clerk, at (209) 333-6702.

If you have any questions about the item itself, please call me at (209) 333-6759.



for: Richard C. Prima, Jr.  
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Enclosure

cc: City Clerk